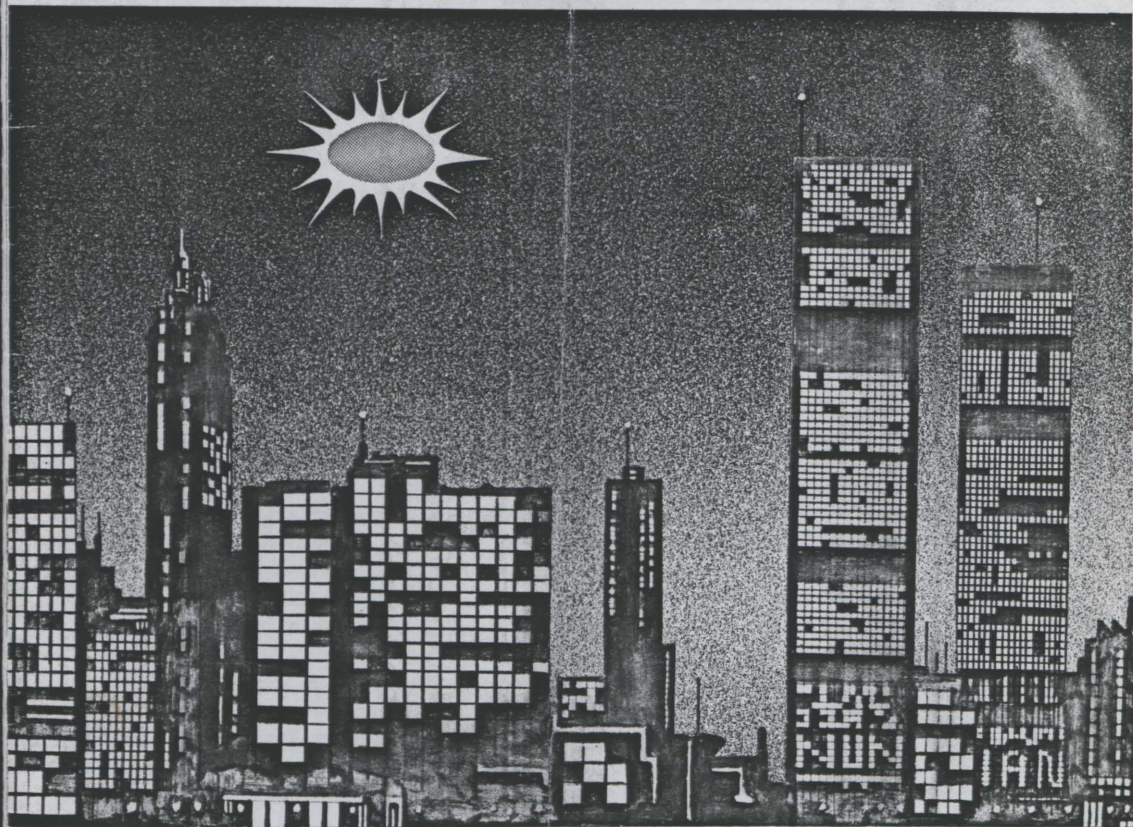


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J.R. Comments... You may be forgiven for not realising that the book "SKY CRASH" was now in the shops (well some of them!) There has not exactly been a splurge of media interest...the question is WHY??

The Rendlesham Forest case burst onto the public scene, care of the "News of the World", last October. Their front-page article was a milestone of a sort in British ufology. But it is hard to know if it was a good or bad thing.

Certainly in one respect it cannot be a bad thing that four million people read about the case. (And N.O.W circulation rose during the story too!) But their version was based on just a fraction of the evidence which surrounds the events in the forest that December night, and the edge was taken off it by the frequent "it was a lighthouse" claims paraded by other newspapers and TV. This was never adequately challenged because the News of the World chose not to and the media would not listen to the likes of Dot Street, Brenda Butler and myself...after all we were only the investigators and had only been chasing the case for three years!

SKY CRASH was published in November with two big advantages. Aside from all the evidence it collated, the infamous "Colonel Halt" tape (recorded in the forest as the UFO returned and recording the radiation, photographs and traces as they were taken) is now in our hands (after the book was in print but before publication). And a former head of the MOD's Department D8 (which deals with UFOs) had come to our aid and was willing to make a public statement that "we (now) have evidence, I blush to say of my own Ministry of Defence, that they have lied (about Rendlesham Forest). They have covered it up." As YUFOS had secured a letter from Minister of Defence, Sir Michael Heseltine, to former Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees, in which he says that "there is not a grain of truth" about the claim of a cover-up over this case, there was here a prime disagreement.

You might think the media would lap this up. But no. Not a single national media source has shown any interest whatsoever in these things, or the new evidence in the book. Repeated efforts have been made to achieve this. At a press conference in London (attended by the MOD man and the all-party defence committee chairman, Conservative MP Sir Patrick Wall) not a single national media source attended. They were all sent reports of that meeting. Not one of them followed it up.

There has been a little publicity. A freelance journalist who did attend the conference circulated a good article "UFO researchers conspiracy claim over sightings", but only the Bolton Evening News (2 Nov) carried it. Virtually all the publicity centred on the three East Anglian papers (East Anglian Daily Times, Ipswich Evening Star & Lowestoft Journal) - hardly Fleet Street. They did the story proud, including two full page articles in which they spoke far and wide and obtained some useful new material. Base Commander at the time, Col Sam Morgan, spoke of the Halt tape and said "I do not think it is a hoax...I think the men really were out there that night and they saw something which frightened them." The Captain in charge of the public relations on base told them that it was a "fisherman's tale" getting bigger each time it is told (a point I subsequently challenged this Capt Warzinski on, as it is patently absurd and blatantly untrue...after three letters I finally got him to retract the statement). However, most intriguingly he did add "I do not think there was ever any doubt that something happened which we cannot explain". The lighthouse seems to have taken a back seat rather suddenly! And any reader of SKY CRASH will find this curious in view of a letter in May 1983 which his office sent to us. In that the very existence of the case is denied! Naturally Warzinski has been challenged to explain this. He cannot do so.

What about the MOD? They told the local press "It was looked into and there being no military explanation we lost interest in it. I can see perfectly well that

reasonable people who are interested in such things would find it very interesting. I am not in any way saying that these people must be crankish or anything of that sort..." (Oh how generous of the MOD!) But again there is no suggestion that it was the lighthouse. WHY?? Because that was a beautifully engineered concoction to which the media was put up by the government, who know as well as we do that it is utter tripe. But how many readers of the Times, Telegraph etc etc do not know that? Because these papers are studiously refusing to have anything to do with the case now.

The East Anglian media have come out of this episode with flying colours. The Fleet Street champions of truth in our "free" society have been shown up as puppets of the government at best and imbeciles at worst. In a sense I suspect that our pushing of the case has severely set back the fair presentation of the UFO phenomenon via these newspapers. But I hope I will be proven wrong on that. Maybe there are real journalists out there.

Perhaps you think I am being paranoid and the case is passé, or the book dull. Well, it is curious that it has merited reference on ABC TV news in the USA, a documentary there is being fought over by rival TV companies, Japanese TV have produced TWO 1½ hour programmes on the case, and so on. But over here our state controlled industry is being pressured to stop them printing this story. Obviously there has to be a reason.

Try and find the book, although most book shops I have approached have told me they have not ordered it and have been advised by their chain manager not to order it. All the book clubs in Britain (including "Encounters" which has taken all five of my previous books and specialises in the paranormal) have flatly rejected it - Encounters on the lunatic grounds that the book has nothing to do with mysterious phenomena.

I guess we have some comfort in the fact that if a book has to be stopped in this way and another state-influenced book published the same week, in which the case is called fiction (for which law suits will soon be flying), then it has to have come close to the truth. It's in there somewhere. And we will try to get SKY CRASH 2 out so as to explain what did happen. We are now coming close to being able to prove just that.

But I wouldn't bet on us being allowed to make it public.

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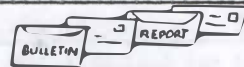
Readers will have noticed that (despite a promise) this issue is only 12pp long, not the 16pp as usual or the 20pp they may have expected. Sadly this is because Northern UFO News does not pay its way. The subscription only just covers print costs. All postal expenses are met by the editor. The kitty has not allowed more than a 12pp issue. But even that is an increase on last year. With a bit of luck and a few more subscriptions from YOUR friends we can produce six full-sized issues in 1985.

The 1985 subscription will be £5.40 for six issues. If you have issues owing then the amount now due from you is..... £ . (Cheques/pos to Northern UFO Network)

However, for anyone helping us by sending in their 1985 subscription before Jan 31 they can subscribe at the 1984 rate (ie £5). In addition, up to that same date, we will offer a special discount if you get a new subscriber in addition to your own. Both you and they can jointly subscribe for 1985 for just £4 each - BUT note that the two subscriptions must accompany one another in the same envelope. Thanks.

UFO magazines have been vanishing everywhere and we do not want to have to reduce the size or quality of this one. But to do that we need some more subscribers. Surely you have an interested friend or fellow ufologist who does not ^{ser} the only magazine which regularly updates new British cases? Have a word in their ears and save yourself more than 20 per cent on your subscription!

NEWS ROUND-UP



!! On the subject of UFO magazines disappearing it is sad to have to announce that Kevin McClure's excellent COMMON GROUND vanishes with the current Issue 10. This is a special on the theme "Why 1947?" and several writers (including Hilary Evans, Bob Morrell, Nigel Watson, Shirley McIver, Bob Girard and myself) discuss possible reasons why this was the start point for the phenomenon. CG was often hyper-critical (eg the current issue has some dreadful and ludicrous allegations about UFOIN by its editor) But it was always worth reading. Fortunately Kevin is joining forces with MAGONIA next issue, which will increase its size and readership in response. So it is not all bad news. (CG is available from 11 Asquith Boulevard Leicester LE2 6PD)

!! Meanwhile welcome to SPECTRUM a magazine published by NLUFOIG. This, as its title suggests, aims not just to cover UFOs (which the group investigate) but the "spectrum" of phenomena. Since Issue 1 has stuff on astrology, biorhythms, healing, metaphysics and Druids (to name a few!) they seem to mean what they say. A4 size with computer print out style (a little difficult to read but certainly neat) they are marketing it bi-monthly from November at £3.95 or 75p for a sample issue. Details from Ian Cresswell at 12 Newlands Rd Morecambe Lancashire LA4 5SQ

!! Yet another new venture, from the premier Australian group and magazine (UFO RESEARCH AUSTRALIA). Restructured now into a UFOIN style research team by Pony and Vladimir Godic and Keith Basterfield they are adding to the already superb magazine (one of the best in the world) a bi-monthly digest of research articles from around the world's ufologists. Excellent stuff and they deserve your support. Details from: PO Box 229 Prospect South Australia 5082 Australia.

NUFON CONFERENCE REPORT

Organising any conference is not easy, especially for the first time. But WYUFORG made a fine effort by staging NUFONs first for some years, at Saltaire in the Yorkshire Dales. Obviously they will learn from mistakes made. The acoustics were awful for a start! But around 100 people attended the somewhat out of the way location, which has to show how much interest there is in ufology east of the Pennines. Harry Harris's video presentation was severely curtailed due to the hearing problems but the presence of Alan Godfrey (now out of the police force) answering questions first hand about his abduction boosted that. WYUFORG themselves presented the Appletreewick photo case of which you will read more in NUN shortly (and possibly in the national media). And Jenny Randles gave new data on the Rendlesham Forest. A dozen or so people stayed on to the Sunday where an investigators meeting at the definitely not well named Idle (!) planned future progress on such things as computerisation and photo analysis work and reviewed half a dozen in process cases of high strangeness. All in all it was a very worthwhile weekend. And here's to the next one, on the west of the Pennines next Spring (more of that in the Jan/Feb issue hopefully). Meanwhile grateful thanks to Stephen Hart, Martin Dagless and the rest of the WYUFORG team for their splendid work. The pictorial displays which dotted the walls were worth the trip and at 50p entrance nobody could argue about the cost...especially with delicious refreshments from the ladies of the team.

However, it is sad to have to add to the above that Nigel Mortimer, founder of WYUFORG, prime chairman of the conference, and BUFORA Regional Coordinator, has been forced into retirement from ufology due to personal circumstances. It is hoped this will only be temporary (ie a couple of years). As Stephen Hart of WYUFORG says of him, his loss is a "sadness which ought to be felt by all those involved in serious ufology". Come back soon! But WYUFORG carries on and the new group address is on the back page. PLEASE NOTE.

ANAM - What?? - SIS

October was a busy month for ufology in the region. Aside from the Dales conference BUFORA brought its travelling "Anamnesis" road show to the north and staged a presentation of the idea at their Warrington venue (Oct 27). Ken Phillips, BUFORA training officer, presented it to around 20 ufologists from several groups. As a circular which all delegates were offered says, the Anamnesis project is a "witness centred investigation technique", developed and first tested in Austria by Dr Alex Keul, a psychiatrist. Ken attempted to demonstrate the need to lay aside physical parameters of the UFO report and concentrate on the witness by testing those present. A UFO was flashed onto the screen and everyone was then asked to sketch it, estimate how long it was there for, and stick their drawings on the wall for all to see. The time variations were from 3 seconds up to 20 (it was actually visible for 8) and the fact that no two drawings were even close to identical (although all similar) provided salutary lessons about the objective status of data collated during an investigation. But then no investigator worth his salt would regard witness data as anything other than approximations. There was an awful lot of debate about a list of questions (46 of them) which Keul proposes we should ask witnesses. Some of these were of dubious relevance...eg How much do you weigh? Do you drink tea or coffee? A lively (to say the least!) debate ensued and those present were generally unhappy about subsuming investigation to one Austrian doctor (the only one who can understand the test results!) Whilst there was a mood of agreement that some of the ideas might be usefully employed in certain close encounter cases there was a call for more elucidation by Keul on the purpose and methods of analysis of some of the data. It seems that he will be visiting Britain next year to do this. Meanwhile a self appraisal of our data was achieved, which is certainly something. Although nobody appeared to support the views of MAGONIA's Peter Rogerson. His sketch and estimates were unanimously voted the least accurate. From this and other factors he said that "we should now abandon ufology for at least 20 years. If when we come back there are still some UFOs around then we can investigate them!"

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FOR YOUR PERUSAL:-

Major articles elsewhere

ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA REVIEW 2 (NUFOIS 443 Meadow Lane Nottingham NG2 3GB)
Bob Morrell on a Derbyshire photograph of "angel hair". Les Hall describing the simple production of a new type of detector for possible EM effects emitted by UFOs.

MAGONIA October 1984 (£2.50, 4 issues, 64 Alric Ave, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4JW)
A special issue reviewing the ETH. Petr Rogerson argues against it and John Harney for it. Jenny Randles proposes a radical new pseudo-ETH. Other contributions too. Nigel Watson and Granville Oldroyd discuss British MIB anecdotes, especially in reference to the 1913 airship sightings.

YUFOS QUEST Sep/Oct 1984 (£5, 6 issues, 68 Buller Crescent, Leeds LS9 6LJ)
If you are interested in the cover-up you cannot afford to be without Quest, always packed with goodies. Several military encounters discussed. YUFOS research into Rendlesham. A possible suspicious death after a close encounter. The amazing events at Leeds/Bradford in July 1984 - is the airport used in a secret nocturnal operation? And more. They still like to add little quips here and there (eg suggesting that my book ought to be retitled "The Western Pennine UFO Mystery" because there were not enough Yorkshire sightings in it!) But if you smile through these you won't be disappointed.

FATE Jan 1985 (!) (\$16 US 500 Hyacinth Place, Highland Park, Illinois, USA 60035)
Instrumentally tracked UFOs in the FOI files reported by Bruce Macabee

BOOK OF THE MOMENT:



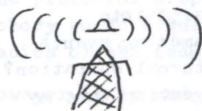
CLEAR INTENT by Larry Fawcett & Barry Greenwood 264pp, 1984, \$8.95 (+ post) p/b
Published by Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, USA

This long awaited book on the cover-up was published in the USA (although a UK edition may follow). Since July it has sold out three editions. Much praise has already been heaped on it. FSR call it the most important UFO book ever - and Gordon Greighton even interrupted a SKY CRASH press conference (to which he was not invited) to advise journalists there to forget the British and concentrate on CLEAR INTENT! Is this justified? To a point it is. Clear Intent reviews the documents which have been retrieved since 1977 in the various lawsuits against the CIA, FBI, etc. Few actual documents are presented but large chunks of extract are, sometimes needlessly long examples just thrown at the reader one after the other with little in the way of explanatory text. Chapters deal with FBI files (2), CIA files (2), NSA refusal to give files (2) - and that is half the book! Other chapters deal with (to me) the dubious and irrelevant cattle mutilation/helicopter stories and the 1975 wave of sightings of "mystery helicopters" over US and Canadian bases. Quite a few of these seem (to me) to have probable explanations as real helicopters / or stars/ planets, but such mundanities are rarely mentioned. The book is so set on proving a major conspiracy that it seldom stops to think about the data it offers and in that sense takes big risks in presenting undigested or non-analysed material as part of its "proof".

It is difficult for me to assess the book because I have had access to all the documents it discusses for some time and can see them all in context. Nothing here either startles or amazes me. But there are doubtless many non-ufologists who will be both these things. Indeed the sales indicate just that. It is certainly odd that the three or four big cases about which FOI documents are available (eg Rendlesham, Cash/Landrum, Lackland AFB etc) are more or less mentioned in passing, receiving no more than a page or two each (at most). These are surely more likely to be persuasive than a lot of weighty memos saying "UFOs are important" in a hundred different ways. Had I been writing Clear Intent I think I would have been more selective, more analytical and critical, more concerned with reasons and purpose and spent much more time persuing interesting cases which FOI threw up, instead of simply reprinting the bits of paper given out on each of these.

After all - if these papers have been released, and there is a cover-up, you can bet that the ones in this book are tepid or irrelevant to the real issues at stake. That recognition never came through to me from the authors.

Obviously it is essential that the public be made to see that UFOs are not regarded as a joke by the authorities. The book admirably achieves that. But it achieves little else. Frankly it could have been a lot better, and I have to admit to disappointment. But that does not stop me saying categorically that CLEAR INTENT is one of the most important UFO books available and nobody seriously involved can fail to read it.



There may not be many UFOs around but the media seem to be making up for it by writing stories about UFO investigators! There has been a real plethora of them recently. "Outer Space or out of your mind?" (Eastbourne Advertiser, 20 Sep) was the

MEDIA MATTERS:-

A look at UFOs in the public eye

not very flattering title afforded an interview with BUFORA coordinator and Royal Greenwich observatory scientist Philip Taylor. It was a fine article in which Phil candidly discussed the problems of investigation... "Very often... we are dealing with cases which are real to the people involved but do not have any reality to anybody else... Other cases are so bizarre there is no way you are looking for a natural explanation." The BUFORA investigation system was described in detail also.

DIGAPs Steve Balon also featured in an article (with two pictures of him!). "The UFO hunter" was the way the Bolton Evening News (1 Oct) described him. This went much more over the top saying he dedicated "much of his spare time to collecting and studying evidence of extra-terrestrials". What Steve said was actually quite reasonable but when put in context with the journalists flowery words ("The search continues for conclusive proof of objects from outer space") what good did that ever do?

Your editor featured in a review article also (Weekend, 24 Oct) and I was mildly amused/offended by the title "Jenny's the girl for a close encounter" (Sad to say I've had no offers!) (Where do they dream up these titles from???) Still I was very happy with Tony Wilmot's article which covered a lot of ground (UAPs, UFOs, witness selectivity, witness reluctance to talk, and three specific cases). "It comes down to a choice... You either accept the witness's word or you don't. You can never be sure that an experience of this kind is not a one-off flip-of-the-lid..." However, even though "all the indications are that the alien encounters don't happen in the outside world but within the minds of the witnesses... (yet) something is triggering the mechanism to produce something which is totally real inside the mind."

Any outside observer would probably be staggered to see these articles. None of us are apparently supporting real UFOs (in the way that most people interpret that term). I could imagine somebody, somewhere viewing all of this as a government plot to get skeptical articles into the nations press! Stuart Campbell, Scotland's BUFORA coordinator, followed the trend. He actually predicted the return of the UFOs in 1990! (Edinburgh Evening News, 21 Sep). How so? Has Stuart suddenly gone psychic? Nope - Stuart still insists that most UFOs are misidentifications and the rest are probably ball lightning. As BL is linked to atmospheric electricity which is linked to sunspot activity (so he claims) this is why the UFOs will return in 1990. (The next sunspot peak). "UFOs are the 20th century equivalent of fairies and Goblins" Stuart advises. But whilst his skeptical stance is clearly demonstrated by his photo bearing the simple caption... "STUART CAMPBELL... I don't believe it", readers might have again been misled by the article's bold title "Aliens Return Predicted". ('Nuff said)

But there have been some UFOs around. Whilst almost no press cuttings for the north have referred to sightings in the second half of 1984 the south has been busy. "UFO boom in skies over Oxon" the Oxford Star (6 Sep) announced. "An incredible series of sightings in the skies over Oxfordshire" is alleged. Unfortunately BUFORA investigators in the area are unaware of this fact, and no other Oxfordshire paper has mentioned it. The source is apparently the "Unidentified Flying Saucer Data Research Centre", which reading between the lines seems to be a new name that CONTACT UK have adopted. Is the term "Flying Saucer" bidding for a comeback?

However, spoof of the year must go to the East Anglian Daily Times (29 Oct) with their "After UFOs - Yawning men in pinstripe suits". "Reports were last night coming in of a seemingly inexplicable occurrence near the River Alde at Snape, only a few miles from the USAF base at Bentwaters... Several people visiting the famous Maltings Concert Hall are certain they saw a number of highly paid barristers sitting on the stage listening to a man reading from a thick document. "One minute they were there two years later they were gone", one woman told me after treatment for shock... Some residents say they are skeptical over the alleged 'sighting', having lived near the concert hall for many years and never heard or seen anything worth mentioning... And so it goes on. What is it all about? A clue... there is an enquiry into the Sizewell Nuclear reactor, which is rather a hot issue locally. Got it?

BRIEF CASES

Some current investigations

A DEVILISH ENCOUNTER

Case 3701 Winter 1937 20.00 Rotherham, Sth Yorks SSPR (Michele Clare)

Not a UFO case but an entity observation which bears interesting similarities to the 1978 Risley encounter (see last issue). RO was walking his dog along a dark lane by a pit hill when he saw a strange figure running very fast down the steep slope. The dog at this point ignored it, but the figure ran straight at a fence which barred the way. Instead of stopping to climb over it it ran right through it as if it were not there! Passing within touching distance of RO it was observed as humanoid, around 5' 2" in height, covered in hair and with goat like hands and feet. The head was oddly pointed. Without ceasing its mad dash the figure crossed the road and up a steep bank towards the Sheffield railway line. RO's dog at this point turned and went home! Although he had a strange compulsion to follow the 'creature' he did not do so. Upon arrival home his mother commented "You look as if you've seen the devil!" "I have" RO replied.

Case 8256 November 9 1982 17.00 Cheslyn Hay, Staffs UFORM

15 yr old AH drawing curtains in bedroom saw a "bright white light passing overhead". It moved NE and he took no notice assuming it to be an aircraft. Half an hour later as he went to the now dark bedroom to view the weather it returned, heading in the opposite direction. He went into the garden thinking it to be a helicopter as it now hovered above. But there was no sound. It then began to move back NE on its original course and disappeared out of sight. There are many possibilities as to what it was.

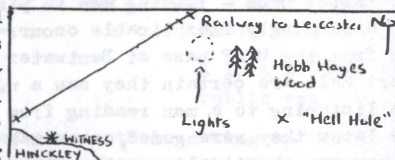
Case 83-025 May 15 1983 22.08 East Kilbride, Scotland BUFORA (S. Campbell)

PS, a British telecom engineer, his wife and children (aged 12, 10 & 4) were driving in a car approaching the Whirlies roundabout on the Expressway into E. Kilbride when they almost simultaneously observed a strange orange/red sharply defined ball of light "like a winter sun" hanging in the SW over the road (elevation 60 degrees). It was stationary and the size of a pea at arms length. At first they assumed it was a light on scaffolding as they passed this way often and had never noticed it before. However as they drove by it was obvious that it was in the sky. There was no sound and they say it made them feel "eerie". After 2 minutes they drove on by, it still present, and houses obscured it from view. The sky was cool and overcast.

REPEATER BALL LIGHTNING OR A UAP?

Case 8326 Sep 5 1983 02.00 Burbage Common, Leics UFORM (Clive Potter)

This case has been subjected to a fine investigation as it involves a witness (67 yr old AB) who was a navigator, flying Mosquitos, with the RAF. He has lived in the same house for many years overlooking non-marshy land and open fields. The Hinckley-Leicester railway is in the direction of sighting and a disused quarry a little further beyond. But the events seem to have occurred over open ground. He had risen to go to the toilet and from the French windows facing NE he saw some very bright lights. Four of these were in a line (estimated 30' apart) on the ground and a bright bluish white. They were on the edge of the interestingly



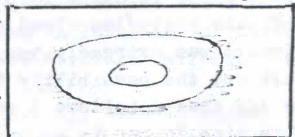
named Hobb Hayes Wood. (Hobb being an old term for devil or demon). Above these was a greenish yellow light like a Christmas bauble. It rose above the trees and then fell again, moving in a line from one of the ground lights to the other. At its top point the green light flashed so bright it threw his shadow in relief on the rear of the room, even though he estimates they were about 1.5 Km from him! Above these lights shining through cloud (ceiling 3000') was a "glow" or oval patch (not unlike the moon through cloud). It moved NW. When the green light reached the last light in the row it vanished, along with all the others. Only the sky glow remained, and it now rapidly moved away to the edge of the woods. Investigation of the site turned up no obvious explanations. But AB reports that the house has often suffered strange electrical power losses for no obvious reason, suggesting this may be a "window" for UAP like activity. This possibility is heightened because approximately 40 years ago in the same spot (ie outside his door) AB had a classic encounter with what seems to have been ball lightning. It was a "ball of fire", opaque green in the centre with a whitish/yellow rim around 3' in diameter. It appeared with a brilliant flash during a thunderstorm. Glided along the ground for about 10/15 seconds, made a crackling-fizzing noise and vanished. There were no scorch marks left but a strong odour of fresh ozone. This event took place at close proximity in broad daylight and is a very interesting UAP observation.

The question posed is whether there is anything about this area which causes it to attract/generate frequent UAP activity (hence the name of the Woods?)

ANOTHER MOONSHINE ENCOUNTER

Case 8327 September 21 1983 20.00 Leicester, Leics UFORM (Clive Potter)

It never ceases to amaze me how many cases of potentially interesting UFOs turn out to be the moon upon in depth investigation. In this one UFORM admit that but for the spur of previous cases it is most unlikely they would ever have considered the option. Two women in a car in an industrial area of the city spotted an oval object high in the sky which glowed orange/red and at first was stationary but then receded fast. The light source was diffused and weather records did indicate the developing of fog patches. One of the witnesses did claim that she later suffered from severe headaches, but checks indicated that she was undergoing stress after the death of her mother. This was almost certainly the cause of these symptoms. UFORM were willing to consider a UAP/earthlights type event and were checking local geology when the moon solution reared its head. The fact that the sky was clear with fog, and the night cold (coolest September day on local records in fact) and that the witness recalled seeing the moon later but not during the sighting. Checks with the Royal Greenwich Observatory proved conclusively that the moon was exactly in the place where the UFO was at the time. Hence its identification as the culprit seems certain and another close encounter case bites the dust!



Case 8409 August 7 1984 01.40 Malvern, Worcs SKYSCAN (A. Green/D. Lawrence/R. Edge)

Mr and Mrs M reported two sightings of a bright white light. The first made a lot of noise. The second, twenty minutes later, was quieter, and like "two white burners". Both travelled in ordinary level flight, although the second veered off. Several other people in the county heard the noise but saw nothing. Investigation led to the conclusion that the first object was a Hercules military aircraft admitted to be in the area at

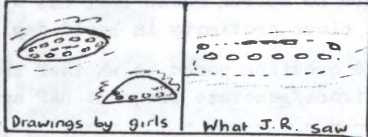
the time.No proof of the second object's identification was obtained but all indications point to it being a twin engined military jet.Mr M refused absolutely to accept this identification when offered and insisted it was a real UFO. SKYSCAN are conducting research into the question of why people adopt such attitudes even in the face of overwhelming counter evidence and would like to hear comments from any investigators on this matter. (See address on page 12 - list of groups).

AS PREDICTED - THE RUSSIANS HAVE COME!

Case 8410 September 22 1984 22.10 Lower Walton,Cheshire MUFORA (Nigel Farrell)

In the Jul/Aug NUN I announced that the Russians were coming, in terms of their new official UFO investigation.A couple of weeks later the "Warrington Guardian" confirmed it! The fact that the town brews Vodka is one of its best known assets and this has spawned many jokes in the past (an infamous add once showed a Russian asking "Why else go to Warrington?" - which did not amuse the residents!) Well the paper now told of the "Brewery Buzzing UFO" seen over the Greenall Whitley plant.According to the plant "makers of 'secret formula' Vladivar" they "think it could be a Russian attempt, taking advantage of low cloud cover,to spy on the factory" nor have they "discounted the possibility of aliens wanting to take a closer look at Greenall Whitley Land".

Oh dear! So what is all the fuss about? Nigel Farrell chased it up and interviewed the two prime witnesses, both 15 yr old schoolgirls.After Watching "The Gentle Touch" on TV (which also got a mention in my last editorial in NUN!) they went outside and spotted an object in the east,the size of a golf ball at arms length.It was dome shaped and a dark superstructure with a mass of lights on the underside. Most of the lights were white but red and green lights were seen (but not in the same place by both girls). Other agreement about the object was generally excellent.The lights were steady and at first the object seemed to hover.Then it moved off from east to west over the brewery.No sound was heard at any time.A slight haze or mist surrounded the object.They ran to a place where it ought to be visible but they could not see it any more.Weather records indicate misty/low cloud conditions which probably accounts for the haze.Manchester Airport was extremely busy at the time with several flights on hold.We could not rule out the possibility that this was one of them.As a resident of Warrington I have to add that I believe I saw the object myself heading west towards Lower Walton around this time.It was in my opinion a quiet jet which had all its lights on (including cabin lights) and looked very odd because of drizzle and low cloud.It was unusual enough to cause me to go out and look at it, but I soon dismissed it as an aircraft. However,I cannot prove that,of course.And the girls flatly deny the possibility.



Case 8411 October 21 1984 20.45 Hindley Green,Gtr Manchester WAPIT/MUFORA

Mrs Brenda Gatterall,a telephonist,observed several phenomena in the sky over the space of 5/6 mins which may or may not be related.These involve a bright white light "like venus" which appeared,faded,reappeared and faded all in one spot.A sky glow "like the moon through clouds" and then a series of broken dots in the cloud.There was much low cloud at the time.Mrs C went to some lengths to pursue the case,talking to the local press,cooperating in filling out a WAPIT form,independently writing to B'FORA and being thereby interviewed by Peter Hough of MUFORA.On the WAPIT form she claims to have been "puzzled" and then "amazed" as the events got stranger.Her mother (an old lady) also saw it but will not be interviewed.Another old lady living nearby also told her she had seen it but will not be interviewed.She was looking in the opposite direction!MUFORA conclude it was a bright planet,the moon and an aircraft.BC is not averse to this combination of circumstances being the explanation.

CASE HISTORY

THE INTRUDER ON RUNWAY 27

BUFORA Report from Peter Johnson & Peter Warrington

Date: April 19 1984

Time: 16.00

Location: Eastern England

After what seems like an endless stream of IFO oases this issue it is good to have at least one promising new case to record.It is another in what appears to be a new wave of aircraft/UFO encounters in Britain.The North Wales case was reported last issue,YUFOS have a case under study and BUFORA have another incident in process where a UFO allegedly struck a civilian airliner,which had to be diverted to a British airport where it was immediately surrounded by security men.This case is still being probed (with very great difficulty) but seems to have occurred around the same time period as the one which is the subject of this article.

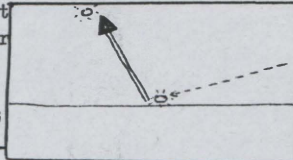
Unfortunately I cannot be more specific about the location in this report.But it is an airport with radar and air traffic control.The chief of three witnesses reported it to BUFORA within a couple of days of occurrence and several investigators have worked on the follow-up.All three witness names (and the location of course) are known to me, and available to bona-fide researchers (with witness permission). The reason for this unfortunate secrecy will become apparent in a moment.

D,the senior controller at the airport since 1970,went to the control tower to supervise the end of shift.On duty were B (deputy controller with eight years at the airport) and Mrs R (an assistant ATC who has 12 years air traffic control experience) It was a bright sunny day with no cloud at all below 5000',wind 15 Kmph from the SW and visibility 10 Km.In view of these optimum conditions and the fact that only a lightplane was on approach the radar was temporarily switched off.

D heard the aircraft call that he was at "base leg",which meant he was turning onto approach several miles out.Idly looking out he saw a brilliant white glow,which he took to be the aircraft making an approach to runway 27.But then the aircraft called again and referred to runway 28,on which he was approaching.D said to B "You have something coming in on 27 also" and simply wanted to alert him about the possible traffic conflict as the two runways intersected on the ground.But B insisted not and he and Mrs R continued to concentrate on their work.Meanwhile D did not make an issue out of it,but persisted in watching the brilliant object which looked like an aircraft reflecting the bright sun (although no shape was visible behind the glare).

Some seconds had now passed and the object had made a perfect approach to runway 27 and seemed to be landing on it! He grabbed binoculars to get a closer look and could see it as a perfectly spherical ball shape that reminded him of nothing so much as "masses of silvery paper crinkled up".It reflected a tremendous amount of light in view of the daylight conditions.D was positive it was displaying controlled flight so he called out urgently to the two on duty controllers.

The UFO was now 'bouncing' off the runway at an 80 degree angle and 'rocketing' skywards.This angle of climb was out of the question for a conventional jet and its speed was considerable.It had reached 3000 feet in well under a minute.The other two operators now saw it,as it streaked away,and were shocked.They continued to talk down the aircraft but he landed without making any sort of report and the three ATC operators decided not to raise the matter and ask if he had seen anything.Both B and Mrs R said that they would rather forget the incident.B especially was very upset and shaken.Meanwhile D had called the Military command and spoken with RAF radar control.They had shut down the relevant radar that covered this area 30 minutes before as the easter holidays were approaching! But confirmed they knew of no traffic.D did not explain to them why he was inquiring.



After much discussion the three operators read their manuals and decided they could liberally interpret them as not having to report it (they were told to report sightings by others but it said nothing about sightings by themselves!) So they only told BUFORA. However, in view of what they regard as breach of regulations they are wary of any publicity. Investigation has (and is) continuing, and discrete enquiries have failed to discover any radar tracking by the many air-bases in the area other than the two referred to in this report. A full report on this currently impressive case will be published in due course. Hopefully the witnesses will be persuaded to speak out openly.

In the period 18 - 25 April a large number of close encounters occurred (it is so far much the most important mini-wave of 1984). Jenny Randles is currently chasing one which involves Mrs SB, a 24 yr old science-degree worker, who was driving with her husband by RAF/USAF Lakenheath (in the same general area as the case discussed) at 21.30 hrs on the night before (ie April 18). This involves a massive object (the size of a football pitch) with white, red and green lights (about 60 of them!) all steady and hovering directly above them at about 100 ft. There was no sound, but a deer in the road appeared to have been disturbed by the object. This case proceeds, also.

There are, of course, many air bases in eastern England and always something going on. But in these two (possibly related) events we have three very qualified ATC operators, whose story seems to hold up well. And we have a scientist and her husband (who is an aircraft fanatic and familiar with most things that may or may not be happening). The quality of the witnesses makes the two events worth pursuing.

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CALENDER... Mar 2 National Investigations Committee meeting 2pm. All active field investigators welcome. Followed at 6.30pm by the "Earthlights Debate", with cases for and against, including Paul Devereux. (Who will present the case against is not yet known as outspoken opponent Kevin McClure has failed to respond to several requests) Both at the London Business School, Sussex Place, off Baker Street, LONDON

Mar 23 YUFOS conference on the theme of the "ooover-up". Speakers will include Timothy Good and Jenny Randles. In Central Leeds. Details from:- 68 Buller Crescent Leeds LS9 6LJ

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